Cases of people taking law into their hands

342. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is drifting towards anarchy as people have started taking law into their hands and settling issues in public without involving police or judicial process;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor;

(c) the details of such incidents that have come to the notice of Government during last one year; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, in the recent past, some incidents of mob violence have come to notice in the States of U.P. Bihar, Rajasthan,Haryana, W. Bengal, M.P, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

(d) As per the Constitution 'Public Order and 'Police' are State subjects and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts, to maintain law and order in their States and ensure safety and security of their people. However, in the wake of incidents of mob violence, all States/ UTs have been advised by the Central Govt on 19.9.2007 to adequately sensitize their police forces so that mobs are not allowed to indulge in violence, and the action taken by the police against the persons/prepetrators of such violence be given wide publicity so as to deter such incidents.

Active presence of ISI and terrorist groups in U.P.

343. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Union Government are aware of the information that provided by the Uttar Pradesh Government about more than 34 districts of Uttar Pradesh State that have become sensitive due to active presence and anti-national activities by I.S.I, and terrorist groups; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the details of adequate steps taken or proposed to be taken to help the State Government to control the unlawful activites of terrorist and I.S.I, agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available information, during the period 2004 to 2007 (till date), a total of 10 Pak ISI backed espionage modules have been neutralized in Agra, Meerut, Varanasi, Rampur, Lucknow, and Saharanpur Districts of Uttar Pradesh resulting in the arrest of 13 espionage agents, inlcluding 05 Pak nationals.

(b) The Central Government has been sensitizing the State Governments about the activities of ISI. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing inputs from various quarters as well as devising strategies, to counter such activities, security and Intelligence agencies belonging to the Union and States have been working together to check the activities of ISI.

Inadequate security infrastructure in cinema halls and malls

344. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the Cinema halls and Malls have not established adequate security infrastructure;

(b) whether Government is also aware that these heavily crowed public places, have been security hazards and easy targets for terrorist strike in the country;

(c) whether Government conducted any survey to find out security infrastructure in these Malls; and

(d) how many of these have been found lacking and what action has been taken by Government against these Establishments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The concerned Management/Authority of the Cinema halls and Malls is primarily responsible for the security of these places. Under the Vllth Schedule of the Constitution of India, it is the constitutional responsibility of the State Governments and UT Administrations to protect the public and property within their territorial Jurisdiction. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs also issues necessary advisories for strengthening the security of such places to the concerned States and Union Territories on receipt of specific threat inputs.

Institute for natural calamity in Himalayan region

†345. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research institute is functioning in the Himalayan region for study of various factors and nature of natural calamities;

(b) whether there is any scheme to prepare trained manpower in the States situated in such regions to face these calamities occurring every year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a proposal to open any training institute to meet this target; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Ministry of Home Affairs have not established any institute in the Himalayan region for study of various factors and nature of natural calamities.

(b) and (c) The Government has set up the National Institute of Disaster Management in New Delhi under the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, with the responsibility *inter-alia* of planning and promoting training and research in the area of disaster management. The institute, for the discharge of its functions under the Act, may *inter-alia* provide assistance to training and research institute for development of training and research programmes for stakeholders, including Government functionaries, and undertake training of faculty members of the State level training institutes. It may also provide any other assistance as may be required by the State Governments of the State training institutes for capacity building of stakeholders, Government including its functionaries, civil society members, corporate sector and people's elected representatives. Apart from this, the Government has been supporting the Administrative Training Institutes or other training institutes identified by the State Governments in operation of a faculty/centre of disaster management for training and orientation of Government functionaries and other stakholders in the States in the field of disaster management National programmes for building up of the capacity of engineers and architects in earthquake risk management are also under implementation in all the States. The State Governments have also been advised to develop Search & Rescue teams by converting the existing companies/battalions of the State Forces. They have been requested to procure necessary training equipment after which the Government would depute master trainers from the Central Paramillitary Forces to impart

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